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## The Miami Centennial

Appropriate Ceremonies  
Commemorating

## The One-Hundredth Anniversary

Of the Institution of the  
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

will be held throughout the

## Annual Commencement Season of the University

June 12-17, 1909

A general invitation is cordially extended to all Alumni, Former Students, and Friends of the University, who are urged to acquaint themselves thoroughly with the contents of this and succeeding announcements

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# PROPOSED PROGRAM

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SATURDAY, - JUNE 12

7:30 P. M.—Students' Night.

Historical Pageants; Torchlight Parade; Campus Concert.

SUNDAY, - JUNE 13

10:00 A. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon.

7:30 P. M.—Annual Sermon before Christian Associations.

MONDAY, - JUNE 14

2:30 P. M.—Annual Gold Medal Oratorical Contest.

4:00 P. M.—Reunion of Normal College Alumnae.

7:30 P. M.—Class Day Program and Play, Ohio State Normal College.

TUESDAY, - JUNE 15

2:30 P. M.—Commencement Exercises, Ohio State Normal College.

4:00 P. M.—Class Day Program, College of Liberal Arts.

6:30 P. M.—Campus Concert.

7:30 P. M.—Senior Class Play, College of Liberal Arts.

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WEDNESDAY, - JUNE 16

9:00 A. M.—Centennial Ceremonies.

Academic Procession; Centennial Address ;  
Congratulatory Addresses by Representatives  
of State and National Governments and of  
Colleges and Groups of Colleges ; Addresses  
by Ex-presidents of the University ; Respon-  
ses ; Centennial Ode.

12:30 P. M.—Alumni Dinner.

Roll Call of Classes; Business Session; Toasts  
by Representatives of each Administration of  
the University.

5:00 P. M.—Class Reunions.

7:00 P. M.—Annual Address before the Literary Societies.

8:30 P. M.—Reunions in the Literary Halls.

9:30 P. M.—Reunions of Greek Fraternities.

THURSDAY, - JUNE 17

9:00 A. M.—Commencement Processional.

9:30 A. M.—Annual Commencement Exercises of Miami  
University.

2:00 P. M.—Annual Reception by the President of the  
University.

# THE CENTENNIAL SITUATION

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## INTRODUCTORY

The present official seal of Miami University displays prominently among the folds of its realistic serpents the date 1824. This is correct enough in representing the year when the institution, under direction of Doctor Bishop, its first president, was opened to students of collegiate rank. But Miami University had been a corporate organization for fifteen years before; and during most of this time the pioneers of the Miami Valley had been hopefully erecting their cabins about the established site of the new College. It was, indeed, 1824 before the first rude college building was ready, and the funds accruing from the college township were sufficient to justify the beginning of academic activity. But on the seventeenth day of February, 1809, an act of the General Assembly of Ohio had formally provided for the institution of the Miami University.

During the Commencement season of 1906, preliminary action was taken regarding a celebration, in June, 1909, of the one-hundredth anniversary of this enactment. In a short time there was constituted a Joint Committee on Arrangements, representative of the several University interests, and full power was given it to complete and execute the plans of the celebration. The semi-occasional meetings and discussions of the first two years have resulted in a group of projects that give promise of the largest and most interesting college gathering ever held in southern Ohio. Regular monthly sessions of the Committee will be held during the winter to perfect these plans.

## THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

This committee is at present constituted as follows:

A. H. Upham, Oxford, Ohio, Chairman.

B. S. Bartlow, Hamilton, Ohio, Secretary.

Guy Potter Benton, President of the University.

Trustees—W. L. Tobey, T. R. Kumler, W. S. Giffen, J.

E. Morey, W. F. Eltzroth.

Alumni—C. H. Fisk, Parker Dickson, R. M. Hughes.

Faculties—E. E. Brandon, A. L. Gates, J. E. Bradford,

H. H. Carter, B. M. Davis.

Certain permanent sub-committees have been appointed:

Program—Tobey, Morey, Hughes, Gates.

Publications—Bradford, Eltzroth, Fisk, Giffen.

Advertising—Upham, Bartlow, Tobey, Dickson.

Accommodations—Brandon, Benton, Kumler, Davis.

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### CLASS SECRETARIES

Some time ago, with this celebration in mind, Secretary Bartlow conducted an election for Class Secretaries among the Alumni. These Secretaries will be held largely responsible for arousing enthusiasm within class groups, for completing the roll of former students once associated with their classes, and for the management of class reunions, luncheons, and the like. They are urged to communicate freely with the Committee on these matters. A list of the Class Secretaries is here published for the first time.

### CLASS SECRETARIES

- 1837 Rev. Charles T. McCaughan, Winterset, Iowa.
- 1838 John P. Reynolds, 4 Washington Place, Chicago, Ill.
- 1840 Rev. Matthew M. Brown, Golden, Ill.
- 1841 Dr. George L. Andrew, La Porte, Ind.
- 1842 Arnaldo F. Pack, Abriendo Ave., Pueblo, Colo.
- 1844 James E. Galloway, Xenia, Ohio.
- 1845 John W. Herron, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 1846 Joseph B. Leake, 218 Cass St., Chicago, Ill.
- 1847 Charles Stewart, Easton, Pa.
- 1848 Rev. Samuel S. Laws, Washington, D. C.

- 1850 Andrew M. Brooks, Springfield, Ill.  
 1851 George Crane, Dubuque, Iowa.  
 1852 Rev. Samuel T. Lowrie, 1827 Pine St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
 1853 Rev. J. P. E. Kumler, 304 Florence St., Washington,  
 D. C.  
 1854 David W. McClung, Fern Bank, Ohio.  
 1855 L. N. Bonham, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1856 Rev. W. J. McSurely, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1857 Gen. Ben P. Runkle, Hillsboro, Ohio.  
 1858 James R. Patterson, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1859 Rev. Daniel H. Evans, Youngstown, Ohio.  
 1860 Walter S. Thomas, Troy, Ohio.  
 1861 Dr. Stephen C. Ayres, 4 W. 7th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 1862 Hiram D. Peck, Atlas Bank Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 1863 Charles H. Fisk, Covington, Ky.  
 1864 Rev. David S. Tappan, Circleville, Ohio.  
 1865 Clark B. Montgomery, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 1866 Richard T. Durrell, Merchant's Library Bldg., Cincin-  
 nati, Ohio.  
 1867 George S. Bishop, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1868 Bruce Paul Jones, London, Ohio.  
 1869 Rev. James K. Gibson, South Charleston, Ohio.  
 1870 Phillip N. Moore, 611 Merchant's-LaCledé Bldg., St.  
 Louis, Mo.  
 1871 Henry B. McClure, Carlisle Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 1872 Horace Ankeney, R. F. D. No. 7, Xenia, Ohio.  
 1873 Francis M. Coppock, First National Bank Bldg., Cin-  
 cinnati, Ohio.  
 1888 Kearney Prugh, 1342 R St., Washington, D. C.  
 1889 Orlando B. Finch, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1890 Elmer B. Finch, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1891 Hinckley Smith, Hamilton, Ohio.  
 1892 Robert A. Hiestand, Eaton, Ohio.  
 1893 Raymond M. Hughes, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1894 Carl R. Greer, Hamilton, Ohio.  
 1895 William R. McDonald, Wellsville, Ohio.  
 1896 George M. Shera, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1897 Alfred H. Upham, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1898 Emory L. Ferris, 35 Wall St., New York, N. Y.  
 1899 Lee O. Lantis, N. High St., Columbus, Ohio.  
 1900 Edward P. Pottenger, Seven Mile, Ohio.

- 1901 Henry G. Frost, First National Bank Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 1902 Hugh D. Schell, Hamilton, Ohio.  
 1903 Darrell Joyce, Hamilton, Ohio.  
 1903 (Normal) Margaret E. Coulter, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1904 Julia L. Bishop, Hamilton, Ohio.  
 1904 (Normal) Vida L. DeMar, Carthage, Ohio.  
 1905 Nellie Overholtz, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1905 (Normal) Mary McSurely, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1906 Abram L. Kaye, Knoxville, Ill.  
 1906 (Normal) Mary D. Finch, Jamestown, Ohio.  
 1907 Omen K. Boring, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1907 (Normal) Mabel Briney, Oxford, Ohio.  
 1908 James Murray Sheehan, Paris, France.  
 1908 (Normal) Mary Eleanor Stork, Oxford, Ohio.

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### LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

Enthusiasm grows by association. The most thoughtful of men have been known to delay responding to Commencement invitations, and to grow peevish afterward when accommodations were bad. The necessary "personal suggestions" are to be provided for this time by a chain of Local Representatives, one in each community where there are Miami men,—a sort of "Boosters' Association," indeed. Theirs is the job of talking Centennial on all occasions, of overcoming apathy, circulating advertising matter, and—hardest of all—seeing that every prospective guest announces his intentions at the appointed time. The list follows:

### LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES

Cincinnati, Ohio, David H. Pottenger, '73, Johnson Bldg.  
 Cleveland, Ohio, David E. Platter, '71, 312 Lennox Building.  
 Columbus, Ohio, Lee O. Lantis, '99, N. High St.  
 Dayton, Ohio, George R. Eastman, '94.  
 Eaton, Ohio, Henry C. Hiestand, Ex-'02.  
 Hamilton, Ohio, J. Paul Scudder, '02, Rentschler Building.  
 Hillsboro, Ohio, Granville Barrere, Ex-'01.  
 Oxford, Ohio, Edward P. Robinson, '93.

Indianapolis, Ind., Chas. D. M. Houghton, Ex-'95, Indiana  
Pythian Building.

Liberty, Ind., Everett R. Beard, '93.

Chicago, Ill., W. K. Eicher, Ex-'97, 1763 Kenmore Ave.

New York, N. Y., Walter C. Harris, '91, 1588 E. 19th St.,  
Brooklyn.

Washington, D. C., George H. Van Buren, '95, 2111 19th  
St., N. W.

(This list is subject to revision and extension.)

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## SPECIAL FEATURES

The Centennial Program, in general outline, appears elsewhere in this Bulletin. It seems best to withhold the names of all speakers at this early date, though many places have already been filled in a most satisfactory manner. Practically all of Miami's distinguished living alumni expect to be present, and from them the speakers are being chosen, making the exercises distinctively Miami's own.

The entire celebration extends over six days, but the aim has been to concentrate in Wednesday and Thursday those events which appeal most to the busy alumnus. Wednesday is especially crowded, but the entire evening has been left free for the Literary Societies and Greek Fraternities, and reminiscences may flow unchecked from 8:30 until sunrise. The ceremonies of Wednesday morning will be an innovation for Miami. Representatives of the state and national governments and of various colleges and groups of colleges throughout the land will be present with words of greeting and congratulation to the century-old Miami. The Alumni Dinner, at noon, will be the greatest thing of its kind ever held in Oxford; limited, indeed, only by the floor space we can find for it. After-dinner speeches will be representative of the various University administrations, and will naturally include much of tradition and anecdote.

Every program during the week will be too valuable to miss, even the one on Saturday night. Student spirit and loyalty will find expression at this event, partly in the form of certain quaint historical pageants in appropriate costume—an old "Burning of the Calculus," for instance. Excellent music



will characterize this and all other of the events. The Miami Glee Club, already widely famous, will sing frequently throughout the week, and a first-class concert band will be secured for most of the time. A revised program for the entire week, with complete list of speakers, will be published in May.

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## HISTORICAL COLLECTION

It is proposed to use the old Bishop Chapel, during these exercises and afterward, as an Alumni Memorial Hall; so that it is highly desirable to put on display there all that can be collected of Miami antiquities, or of miscellaneous relics representative of early days in the Miami Valley. Some requests have already been circulated on this matter, but the response so far has been anything but enthusiastic. There is an excellent nucleus for such a collection already here. The McGuffey Table, the Bishop Bust, the old stone astronomical pier, some of Doctor Stoddard's primitive apparatus, and a few old-time straight-backed chapel benches, together with our collection of portraits and tablets, constitute a first-rate basis for such an undertaking. There is plenty more material, just as valuable for our purposes, to which no doubt various of our friends have access. Please get it into our hands, for this occasion, at least, and let us hear from you at once regarding it.

We are sadly deficient in Miami literature. The only collection of old programs in the archives is the private property of the Bishop family. Several sporadic college periodicals were published during the early years, and the files of these are very incomplete. The library does not contain a copy of The Miami Student published before the reopening in 1885. Early volumes of The Oxford Citizen, if they could be had, would also be of great historical value. Will you not regard this as a personal appeal to every devoted alumnus to assist in these matters as far as he can? A few have already responded, but the work has hardly begun.

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## CENTENNIAL PUBLICATIONS

Several important publications are under way, in connection with this Centennial project. The Centennial Volume is

under the direction of Professor Bradford and certain of his colleagues. It will contain an account of the Centennial proceedings, a concise historical sketch of the University, a discussion of the development of courses of study in the institution, and a bibliography, as complete as possible, of all the books written by Miami men. The whole will be handsomely illustrated. Another book, perhaps appealing more to the general reader, will develop the inner life-story of Old Miami, gathering and retelling the mass of legendary material that has grown up with the student community. Another edition of the Alumni and Former Student Catalogue—the first in ten years—is also under way and destined to appear about this time.

During the spring a Miami Song Book will be published for the first time; not as a Centennial feature, but taking new interest from this event. The Miami Student will devote much space to alumni material throughout the year, and will issue a special Centennial number. The *Recensio*, also, the college annual, will make a special feature of this anniversary occasion.

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

There is every reason to expect an immense crowd in Oxford during Centennial Week. People remind us of this nowadays as if we didn't enjoy it. Still, the Committee feels reasonably confident of finding suitable accommodations, at fair prices, for all guests who give us timely assurance of their coming. Oxford is going to co-operate with us to the last of her resources. Oxford College and The Western have kindly consented to provide for as many visitors as possible. The fraternities expect to lodge many of their alumni in the Chapter houses. As a last resort, it would be possible, as at Oberlin last spring, to transfer men from the dormitories to tents on the campus, and open these time-honored rooms to guests. Many visitors will be unable to secure meals at their places of lodging; but a competent caterer will be installed, probably in the Gymnasium, who will furnish excellent meals at nominal rates throughout the week. If necessary, branch dining and lunch rooms may be established in the village. Application blanks—for accommodations and for tickets to

the various exercises—will be widely distributed early in May; and every prospective guest is urged to fill these out and return them without delay.

Reduced rates will be secured on the railroads for this occasion, and it is hoped that several special trains may be run—particularly on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. This will enable many who so desire to take advantage of hotel accommodations in Hamilton, and will afford great convenience to those visitors who can attend for only one day.

This ought to be enough to set you thinking. Make up your mind today to shape business affairs in such a fashion that you can get away in June for a glorious period of yarn-spinning and youth-renewing among the familiar haunts of college days. Bring your family back to enjoy the occasion with you. Meet old comrades and pay tribute to Alma Mater. In the meantime ponder and chat about the celebration. Consider carefully what you would want it to be. Write us about it if you have a criticism or suggestion, or any bit of precious old tradition in need of perpetuation. If the sons and friends of Old Miami work together enthusiastically to make these festivities a success, there is no limit to the possibilities.



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